

Medical Cannabis Curriculum for Nurses

Description of Module

ACNA and TMCI have collaborated to develop the first comprehensive, online curriculum for cannabis nurse certification. Topics include the Endocannabinoid System, Dosing, Psychiatry, Medical Risks, and Legal Implications.

Target Audience

Nurses and other healthcare providers interested in the use of medicinal cannabis for patient treatment.

Learning Objectives

After participating in this activity, the learner should be able to:

- a. Discuss the historical use of cannabis as a medicine and its subsequent prohibition.
- b. Describe basic horticultural and cultivation requirements for medical-grade cannabis.
- c. Explain the basic structure and function of the endocannabinoid system.
- d. Identify and describe at least five nursing diagnoses seen in the medical surgical setting in which cannabis would be an appropriate intervention.
- e. Explain how cannabis can be helpful in at least three mental health/psychiatric-related diagnoses.
- f. Identify at least three areas of potential risk with the use of cannabis.
- g. Describe at least four different methods of cannabis administration.
- h. Describe safe dosage practices.
- i. List at least three harmful consequences related to cannabis prohibition.
- j. Examine cannabis use patterns in order to determine potential substance use disorder.
- k. Describe the interactions between cannabis and opioids.
- l. Describe how medical research and evidence-based nursing can be applied to further medical cannabis legislation locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

Method of Participation

To obtain credit, participants should view each page of the activity, listen to the embedded audio, answer the multiple-choice quiz questions, complete the comprehensive post test, and complete the evaluation form online to receive a certificate. Your certificate will be available immediately for print or download upon completion of the entire activity.

Estimated Time

The estimated time to complete this activity is 8 hours.

Media Format(s)

Web-based content with audio.

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Accreditation

This continuing education activity was approved by the Virginia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

VNA designates this enduring material for a maximum of 8 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) hours.

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Instructions for Obtaining Credit

After participating in the activity's content:

1. Complete the online content, including quizzes and the post test. You will need to answer each question correctly to pass the post test.
2. You will have an unlimited number of attempts to successfully complete the post-test.
3. Complete the Evaluation to rate the course and to record your participation.
 - a. Upon passing the post-test and completing the activity evaluation, your credit certificate will be available immediately to print for your records.
 - b. You may view or print your certificate at any time in the future.

Software Requirements

PC

Microsoft Windows 2000 SE or above.

Chrome, [Internet Explorer \(v8 or greater\)](#), or [Firefox](#)

Flash Player Plug-in (9.0 or later) [Check your version here.](#)

Sound Card & Speakers

800 x 600 Minimum Monitor Resolution (1024 x 768 Recommended)

[Adobe Acrobat Reader*](#)

MAC

MAC OS 10.2.8

Safari or [Firefox](#)

Flash Player Plug-in (9.0 or later) [Check your version here.](#)

Sound Card & Speakers

800 x 600 Minimum Monitor Resolution (1024 x 768 Recommended)

[Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)*

Internet Explorer is not supported on the Macintosh.

** Required to view printable (PDF) version of the lesson.*